

Church News.

EASTER SERVICES.

Easter services were held at the Pleasant Hill church commemorating the resurrection of our blessed Savior. It being the regular appointment of Brother Summers. The time announced for the services was 7 P. M. and by 6 P. M. the crowd began to gather in and continued to come until the church house was completely packed, and many could not gain entrance. The pulpit was artistically decorated with nature's choice "flowers."

The services consisted in a brief "but to the point," welcome address by the pastor. Scripture reading, prayer, after which we were richly entertained by recitations and song by the little folks, interspersed with fitting songs, well rendered by the school, followed by a short sermon by the pastor, suited to the occasion.

The exercises, conceded by all were a complete success. The little folks need special praise for the manner in which they conducted their part in the exercises. Perfect order reigned throughout the services. I must say right here that the young people of Pleasant Hill have always shown us great respect, and may heaven's choice blessings rest upon you for it. My prayer is that we may all be able to enjoy many such services, and at the great resurrection may we all have acted our part so earnestly and perfectly that we may all be so happy that we may have a right to the tree of life and dwell forever with the Savior, whose birth and resurrection we celebrate from year to year.

C. E. STAUB.

Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

FROM BRYAN, O.

Brother Swihart came to our place March 22 and continued his service with us until April 5. His way of expounding the Scriptures is so pointed and plain that sinners were made to inquire, what must I do. The immediate result was thirteen confessions, the same were received into the church by baptism and laying on of hands. The meeting closed April 5 with a very pleasant communion service, at which 40 anticipated. We have strong reasons to believe much more could have been done had the meeting continued a week or more longer, some expressed their desires that way. It is needless to say that Brother Swihart is an able expounder of the Scripture, as he has long since proven himself a workman that needeth not be ashamed, and is largely known as such in the brotherhood. Some have wondered, (at least according to inquiries through the EVANGELIST) what has be-

come of Swihart. In behalf of Brother Swihart, will say it is on account of sickness in his family. Just as he was making preparation to labor in the field during the winter his daughter was taken with a very complicated sickness, so much so that it baffled the skill of several physicians. She continued so for about 8 or 9 weeks, and doctors gave her up and when medicine worked off, tried another remedy and from that time has been improving, so much so that the brother came to us and held the above named meeting. May the Lord bless the labors of such earnest workman and keep them laboring in the field is my prayer. S. H. KEISER.

FROM MT. ZION, OHIO.

This was a day that will long be remembered by many, and especially the two who accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior, and were to-day buried with Him by baptism into his death to arise and walk in newness of life. The one was Arthur Palmer, who when sister Laura Grossnickle was at Mt. Zion, gave his heart to God.

The other was H. S. Beckler, a young man from Athens county. This young man one year or so ago lived with his parents in Kansas in or near Parsons. The young man heard brother A. J. Hixson preach and became interested in the doctrine of the Brethren church, and upon further and closer investigation was convinced that the doctrine of the Brethren church was sustained by the word of God, and having moved back from Kansas to Ohio, he then wrote to Brother Hixson for information to find the nearest Brethren church.

Brother Hixson referred him to P. J. Brown and Brother Brown referred him to N. M. Palmer of Mt Zion church with whom he corresponded, and had the time set for his baptism, which took place as before stated. He came about thirty miles amongst entire strangers in the flesh to enjoy the privilege of observing the ordinances of Gods house as commanded in Gods holy word. May God's blessing rest upon these young men and especially brother U. S. Beakles who manifested so much zeal in obeying Gods word. For he left father and mother, who belong to the Disciple church, to follow the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He has taught one term of school in Athens county, Ohio and has passed the board and expects to teach again. The S. S. C. E. is not materializing very rapidly perhaps will do better in the summer. The Sunday-school is prospering nicely.

DANIEL HENRICKS.

PROGRAM, MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA CONFERENCES.

To be Held at Maurertown, Va., May 19-21, 1896.

TUESDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Call to Order,	Retiring Moderator
Devotional Services.	
Organization.	
Address of Welcome,	Pastor
Response,	Delegates
Address,	Retiring Moderator
Address,	Moderator Elect

TUESDAY 7:30 P. M.

Sermon.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

Report of committees:

On Educational Work, E. B. Shaver, (Chairman.)
On Parochial Reports, D. C. Moomaw, (Chairman.)
On Church Literature, B. C. Moomaw, (Chairman.)
On Woman's Work, Annie Emmett, (Chairman.)
On Ministerial Support, T. J. Fahrney, (Chairman.)
Question Box.

WEDNESDAY 1:30 P. M.

What means can be used to better the people in the church and in the world?
B. C. Moomaw, J. Long, Jos. Hall.
How can Christian unity be accomplished?
Jno. S. Bowman, Geo. H. Copp, Wm. Wisman.
Who are Christians? Dr. V. M. Reichard, Wm. Spiggle, Zed. H. Copp.
Question Box.

WEDNESDAY 7:30 P. M.

Sermon.

THURSDAY 9 A. M.

Can this Conference send out and support a Foreign Missionary? B. C. Moomaw, S. H. Love, Jno Leedy.
How to promote a better church attendance? Z. H. Copp, C. Nininger, J. Long.
Training and ministerial qualification: D. C. Moomaw, E. B. Shaver, T. J. Fahrney.
Question Box.

THURSDAY, 1:30 P. M.

Should we have annual, ministerial Conference? Jos. I. Hall, Jno. S. Bowman, Geo. S. Rinker.
The relation of Sunday-schools to the Church: James Rosenberger, Dr. Shaver, C. Philips, J. W. Hockman.
The design of baptism: D. C. Moomaw, J. Long, Geo. A. Copp.
Unfinished business.

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Sermon.